Low Moor - Clinton Co.
Iowa
Dec. 23. 1861

Dear Mr. May — On the 2d inst — I sent for my Quarterly Acct. ending that date — & closing our Contract — for the year. As usual, I sent my Receipts in advance of receiving the balance supposed to be my due. As you have hitherto replied so promptly — & as I have heard nothing from mine to you (of the above date) I suspect you may not have received the Letter & Acct. If you have not an answer on the way, I should be pleased to receive an early reply to this —

If you received the Acct — & all is satisfactory — before sending any funds, I should be glad to have $2.50 paid to the Liberator — to continue Wife's Subscription for '62 — also (1,00) one dollar paid to the "Investigator" (Mondumus papa) to continue mine — & the same (3.50) deducted from the Acct —

It is quite possible I did not meet your expectations last Yr — (if any) Whatever you think right — I shall be glad to consider — I did not do as much as I had hoped — but as I intend to do something

man in the A. S. field - on my own responsibility - I thought perhaps - I could satisfactorily make up for any part deficiencies - I held what military I consistently could - but I am frank to own - the way this war has been conducted is quite bewildering. I believe with friend Loss (from whom I have recently rec'd a letter) that the backbone of slavery is broken. but I have discovered old discovery - viz: the intense northern prejudice against color - & the manifestation. It seems to me that thousands of our Yankeedom - had rather die in battle than fight by the side of the negro - and the moment our priests & Statesmen (?) are driven to consider the question of Emancipation - they talk of "Military necessity" & Colonization. Our rulers are determined never to enfranchise the African - never to place him where he can be a candidate for the Presidency a Congress. I believe the Cabinet to-day would see the Country ruined than a Black man in a Congressional Seat -

With a late discovery of the deep hatred of the negro (I always knew more than a "prejudice against color") I have paused a little to see where to strike most efficiently for humanity -

I have rec'd to-day the new John Brown song - "His soul is marching on" & am delighted with it -

John is destined to [illegible]